

He received flight training in Pensacola, FL, and inherited his love of flying from his father, John, an architect who helped design the Aerospace Museum in San Diego.

Promoted to lieutenant in the year 2000, Adams won two National Defense Service Medals, three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons and other awards.

"He's one of these amazingly clean-cut, all-American kids," his aunt, Elizabeth Hansen, told the San Diego Union Tribune newspaper. "He's the kind of kid that if you had a very special daughter, you would hope that she would snag him. He was just amazingly bright, funny and kind."

In October of 2002, Lieutenant Adams was assigned as an exchange officer with the British Royal Navy's 849 Squadron, now on the aircraft carrier *Ark Royal*.

An avid soccer fan who had volunteered to go to Japan with the carrier *Kitty Hawk* in time for the World Cup finals last summer, he joined a local team near his base in Helston, England. Lieutenant Adams' family said that he particularly enjoyed his time with the Royal Navy for two reasons: every ship had a pub on board, and he was allowed a weekly 20-minute phone call home.

"This is an extremely close family, and none of us will ever be the same," said his aunt, Elizabeth Hansen. "All of us just remember him as a fun-loving guy with a wry sense of humor and we can't imagine going forward without him."

I can only hope that they do go forward. And it is to his family—to his parents, John and Marilyn, and his younger sister, Cari—that I extend my deepest sympathies.

All Americans owe an enormous—an almost incalculable—debt to LT Thomas Mullen Adams, who accepted great risk and was willing to sacrifice his future for the future of the country he so clearly loved, so that we, as a people, might be safe and free. His sacrifice will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA SERVICEMAN KILLED IN IRAQ

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, as we pray for all those who are in harm's way, I rise to pay tribute to a Californian who was killed in the Iraqi war.

Marine Corps Cpl Randal Kent Rosacker, age 21, of San Diego, CA, was killed on Sunday, March 23, when he encountered Iraqi troops pretending to surrender. He graduated in 2000 from San Diego's Junipero Serra High School where he was a star baseball player. He joined the Marines at age 18 and was a machine gunner based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, his father—a Navy Master Chief at Naval Station Bremerton his mother and two sisters.

May this beautiful young American rest in peace. May we have a short war. And may we also pray for the wisdom of those who send our young men and women on their mission.

THE WAR IN IRAQ AND SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, on March 20, President Bush ordered U.S. forces to begin attacking Iraqi installations. There are currently 225,000 American service men and women in the Persian Gulf region. Two hundred thousand members of the Reserves and National Guard have been called to active duty. Several thousand Connecticut residents are doing their part—1,500 members of Connecticut's National Guard; 750 deployed to the Middle East and another 750 activated to participate in homeland security related responsibilities. There are also 2,778 of Connecticut's sons and daughters serving in the Navy—active members and reservists, 532 in the Army, and 310 in the Air Force. Dozens of Connecticut's police officers and firefighters have been called up for active duty. I thank each and every one of them. And say to them that I am proud and honored to represent them in the United States Senate.

As is always the case, these young men and women stand ready to obey the orders of the Commander in Chief—the President of the United States—to take up arms and risk their lives in defense of all Americans and the values of freedom, liberty, and democracy. I greatly admire the courage and professionalism of our service men and women who are now engaged in this dangerous conflict far away from home and loved ones. Americans stand as one in support of these brave individuals. I also want to express my gratitude to the family members of our soldiers. They more than anyone understand the sacrifices involved in the service of our country. War is a treacherous endeavor, and we will all pray for their safe return. I am confident that in the days and weeks to come, America and the U.S. Congress will continue to provide our service men and women with all the support they need and deserve.

Over the last several months, my colleagues and I have engaged in an ongoing dialog about when and under what circumstances the U.S. should commence military action in Iraq. I have been a participant in these important debates, as have many others in this Chamber. And across the country, in cities and towns, Americans have also been discussing these issues with their families and neighbors. Many have voiced strong opinions. It is right and appropriate that this has occurred—that is what living in a free country is all about.

Last Fall, I supported President Bush's decision to go the United Nations and seek the support of U.N. members to resolve the threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. I supported the deployment of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq to verify its peaceful disarmament. As much as anyone, I wanted those diplomatic efforts to succeed. I believe that President Bush did as well. Unfortunately, Saddam Hussein obviously did not.

While there may have been differing opinions on some aspects of our policy toward Iraq, there has been no disagreement that Saddam Hussein is anything but a cruel and murderous tyrant. At every critical juncture, Saddam Hussein chose to impede the work of the inspectors. At every fork in the road, he chose to squander opportunities for peaceful disarmament presented to him by the international community. Finally time has run out.

And now, Saddam Hussein must bear full responsibility for what is about to befall him. He brought it upon himself. I have no sympathy for his plight. The real tragedy is that others may have to suffer for his sins—although I am confident that American soldiers will make every effort, use every means of intelligence, and employ all available technology to minimize civilian casualties.

Would that Saddam Hussein had shown the same regard for his people that our forces will. His record has been the opposite. This murderous tyrant has routinely had his own people tortured, raped, beaten, and executed. In 1988, he ordered the use of chemical weapons against the Iraqi people, killing 5,000 men, women, and children in a single day. Now, he may be ordering his elite troops to use the city of Baghdad as a fortress—a human fortress—endangering the lives of countless Iraqi civilians.

It is my hope that United States military action will not only free the world of the dangers posed by Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, but provide an opportunity for the Iraqi people to free themselves from 30 years of tyranny and oppression, to begin a new chapter in the history of their country.

The current military action may only last a few days or a few weeks. But in the end, I have not doubt that our American service men and women will prevail in this conflict. However, after we emerge successfully from our military conflict with Saddam Hussein, another challenge will face us—the task of establishing a free and stable Iraq. In many ways this is an even more important battle than the one currently ongoing in the deserts of Iraq. And it is a battle that we should not "wage" alone. An international coalition of friends, allies, and U.N. humanitarian organizations must be mobilized to share the costs and responsibility for providing humanitarian relief to the Iraqi people, and the larger and more complex reconstruction of Iraqi society.

The United States is not the only nation that has a stake in rebuilding Iraq. The entire world has a huge stake in getting this right. For only an Iraq that is strong, free, and democratic—only an Iraq that respects the rights of all its citizens—only an Iraq that respects the territorial integrity of its neighbors—can be counted on to contribute to building a Middle East that is stable and prosperous. That is why I

am confident that whatever our past differences may have been, our friends and allies at the United Nations will join with us in this effort.

Once again let me express my thanks to the American men and women who have put themselves at risk for each one of us. Let me also thank the service members from other nations who have joined with our forces in this endeavor. And let me offer one more prayer for their swift and safe return home once their mission is complete.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. In the last Congress Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred September 16, 2001, in Eagan, MN. An Indian-American woman left a grocery store followed by three teenage boys. One of them pushed her against her car. When she turned, another punched her in the stomach and then elbowed her in the back. As they left, the assailants said, "This is what you people deserve."

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I speak today to ask my colleagues to support the nomination of Mr. Harold Damelin, whom President Bush has nominated to serve as the next Inspector General, IG, of the U.S. Small Business Administration, (SBA). Mr. Damelin's extensive experience in and out of government makes him very well suited to this important position, and I look forward to working closely with him and his office.

As my colleagues are well aware, the IG post at any Federal agency is a critical one—assigned by Congress the duties of protecting taxpayer money, ensuring that laws are upheld, and investigating abuses within an agency. This is no less true at the SBA, which has played a vital role in helping to develop and foster small businesses and small business initiatives for the past 50 years.

The role of the IG is unique: someone who is above the political fray of other appointees, and someone who may even be called upon to investigate them. By their very nature, IG's must function independently and with a distinct authority, so it is no small amount of trust the President and the Congress must place in any IG. Additionally, an IG must possess not only managerial

and policy experience, but should possess investigative experience as well. Fining such a candidate can be a difficult task.

Phyllis Fong, the former IG for the SBA, was recently confirmed as the IG for the Department of Agriculture, where I am sure she will continue to perform her official duties in a skillful, competent, and efficient manner. However, because of a delay in her confirmation, the IG position at the SBA was only recently vacated. Given this delay, coupled with the importance of the IG position, Senator SNOWE, the Chair of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and I have agreed to seek unanimous consent that Mr. Damelin's nomination be discharged from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and considered immediately by the full Senate.

In my capacity as ranking member, I have thoroughly reviewed Mr. Damelin's employment and educational experience, his FBI background check and the Committee questionnaire. Mr. Damelin has fully answered all questions put before him. As Mr. Damelin clearly possesses the necessary skills and experience to serve as the next SBA IG, I support moving forward with his nomination at this time.

Mr. Damelin, if confirmed by the Senate, will come to the SBA from the private sector, where he most recently worked as a lawyer for the firm of Powers, Pyles, Sutter and Verville in Washington, DC. Prior to joining the private sector, Mr. Damelin had a long and illustrious career as a public servant, holding such positions as the branch chief for the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division, Fraud Section, Governmental Fraud Branch and the senior counsel to the majority for the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs' Special Investigation Committee. I believe these experiences and others uniquely qualify Mr. Damelin to serve as the SBA's IG.

Mr. Damelin was born in Malden, in my home State of Massachusetts, although he now resides in Virginia. He attended Boston College and earned his JD from Boston College Law School, also my alma mater. Mr. Damelin was also a member of the Armed Forces, serving as a 2nd Lieutenant after college and attaining the rank of Captain in the Army Reserves before being honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. I am always pleased to see a fellow Bay Stater, and Eagle, dedicate his energies toward public service, and this is no exception.

Mr. Damelin's nomination also has the support of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Chair OLYMPIA SNOWE.

I ask all of my colleagues to vote in favor of Mr. Damelin's nomination to be the next Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NORWICH UNIVERSITY CADETS, ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the victory last weekend of the Norwich University men's ice hockey team in the NCAA Division III National Championship against the Oswego State Lakers. This is the second championship in four years for the Cadets, who finished this season with an outstanding 27-3 record.

Norwich University enjoys a proud history as the United States' oldest private military college. The campus, founded in 1819, sits in the small town of Northfield, VT, and it offers a tremendous education for those in the Corps of Cadets as well as for students who choose the civilian lifestyle. Norwich is a school of honor and tradition, qualities well-reflected in their champion ice hockey team. The Cadets play with discipline, energy, and confidence. The team played hard this season and now they deserve to enjoy their success.

I congratulate each member of the team: Coach Mike McShane, Assistant Coaches Steve Mattson and Fred Coan, Strength Coach Eric Corey, Trainer Rachel Sutherland, Kevin Schieve, Brad Powell, Brian Mullally, Toza Crnilovic, Ryan Thompson, Chris Fuss, Lou DiMasi, Matt Schmidt, Peter Catalano, Paul Mattucci, Ed Boudreau, Jon Bokelmann, Bob Jaggard, Vadim Beliaev, Marshall Lee, Kurtis McLean, Chris Petracco, Lynn Beedle, Michael Serba, Andrew Senesi, Phil Aucoin, Dominick Dawes, Mario Chinelli, John Grabie, Garrett Winder, Randy Hevey, Mike Boudreau, and Aaron Lee. Everybody involved deserves much credit for this outstanding season.

Again, congratulations for a job well done and good luck next season.●

HONORING ELIZABETH NAMUSOKE KIZITO

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the honor of rising today to recognize Ms. Elizabeth Namusoke Kizito of Louisville, KY. Earlier this month, Ms. Kizito was named Woman Business Owner of the Year by the Louisville chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Ms. Kizito is being honored for demonstrating smart business practices that have led to the success of Kizito Cookies located in Louisville. Almost 20 years ago, Ms. Kizito began her entrepreneurial experience by selling cookies as a way to pay for her son's birthday present. Shortly thereafter, she had enough business to begin selling cookies from a street cart. Within a few years she traded her cart for a bakery on Bardstown Road. What sets Kizito Cookies apart from other businesses are Ms. Kizito's superior marketing skills. Dressed in traditional garb from her native country of Uganda, she sells cookies from a basket